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BROADBAND CONNECTIONS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Broadband facility has been provided in the country including Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details of work done in this regard so far alongwith number of broadband connection provided in the country, State-wise;

(c) whether broadband is functioning properly in the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the reaction of the Government thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) & (b) Broadband Services are being provided through out the country including Andhra Pradesh. There are above 0.4 million Broadband subscribers in Andhra Pradesh out of total 4.98 million Broadband subscribers in the country as on 31st October 2008. A list of State-wise number of Broadband subscribers is given in the Annexure.

It is the constant endeavor of the Government to increase the growth of Broadband connections. In order to bring provisioning of Broadband connectivity to the rural areas under the purview of the Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF), the Indian Telegraph Rules have been amended to include "Provision of Broadband connectivity to villages in a phased manner".

(c) to (e) Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has prescribed Quality of Service (QoS) parameters vide "Quality of Service of Broadband Services Regulations 2006". As per TRAI report on "Quarterly Performance Indicators of Indian Telecom Services for the quarter ending June 2008" dated 7th October 2008, there are 13 services providers having subscriber base of more than 10000 Broadband subscribers. Out of these service providers, majority of them are meeting most of the QoS parameters prescribed by TRAI in most of the areas.